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President's Message

Joe Olson

Fellow TNA'ers

Thank you very much for your support of this administration during the past four years It is hoped that the organization has been beneficial to you during such time Serving TNA has been both enjoyable and meaningful to me during such time I have enjoyed working with many of you on the projects we have undertaken

Although there is much left to do, progress toward the goal of making TNA an internationally recognized organization has begun thanks to the many generous efforts made by many of you.

This would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our loyal members Of particular note are the efforts of Mike Grant, Bob Metzger Frank Clark, Howard and Dru Luke, Ralph Ross, Paul Garner Jop Joplin Lamonte Pitzer, Jerry Williams, Barbara Edwards, Nela Runkle Helen Snider, Ray Whyborn, Miriam Gilmore, Frank Galindo, Houston Pearson Eleanor Kennady, Leo DeLand, Everett Hull, Chris Keogh Barbara Lowell Kirk Menczer, Fred Gowdy, Ken Horn, Jffrey Meyer David Burke Pat Dollen Helen Snider, and others and especially Mac Kennady and Lyman Bartee Thank you very much We would be lesser people except for you

Thanks to you, our organization is financially sound, increasing in membership, awarded internationally for our publication, sponsoring a home page and broader communications on the internet, moved the show to Houston increased dealer attendence at our annual convention and show installed a new computer system, has a new and improved accounting system and method of reporting was involved in establishing several new and revitalized clubs, conducted library sale and upgrade, conducted book auctions, published and sold a limited edition telephone card of the Republic of Texas published elongated coins, giving away aluminum medals at the convention, conducted and coordinated conventions of the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and the Society of Early American Copper Collectors with our convention, has redesigned the TNA News editions

To those involved a heartfelt thanks to those desiring to be involved we welcome you

We are looking forward to June and our annual convention in Houston at the J.W Marriott Hotel There the baton will likely be passed to the very capable hands of Kirk Menczer, our current Treasurer I know that Kirk's leadership will be supported in the same loyal manner which you have supported this administration

Again, Thank You

Joe Olson

1997 TNA Convention Schedule

Friday, June 13 - 10am to 7pm

9:00 a.m. Registration Begins
Bourse and Exhibits Open to Badgeholders

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
Bourse and Exhibits Open to Public
Book Auction Open to Public, This is a silent auction the bids are written on sheets in front of the items to be bid on. The auction closes Sat. at 2:00 p.m. At that time the sucessful bidders may claim their items at the front desk.
Mike Faraone from ANACS will be set up in the front lobby to authenticate and grade coins throughout the show.

7:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibits Close

Saturday, June 14 - 10am to 7pm

8:00 a.m. TNA Board Meeting and Breakfast Meeting

9:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Badgeholders

10:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Public

11:00 a.m. Rick Coleman gives a program on "Early American Coppers" 1 hour.

2:00 p.m. Frank Clark conducts a meeting of the "Society of Paper Money Collectors" 1 hour.

2:00 p.m. Silent Book Auction Closes, all successful bidders get their books at the front desk.

7:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibits Close

7:30 p.m. Numismatic Auction, by Greg Lauderdale
Approximately 600 items consisting mostly of U.S. coins

Sunday, June 15 - 10am to 4pm

8:00 a.m. TNA Officer Installation & Awards Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Badgeholders

10:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Public
TNA General Membership Meeting

4:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibits Close
Thank You for Attending the 1997 TNA Convention and Show! Look for the 1998 Show at the same location May of 1998.

For additional information, contact.
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Admission is free for TNA members

Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #6021 6031 The following have applied for membership. If approved they will become members May 1,1997

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R-6033 - (D-06) Byron S. Paris, 11515 Chevy Chase, Houston, TX 77077. US Coins Secretary

J-6034 - (D-MI) Steven Roach, 34086 Burton Lane, Livonia, MI 48154. Ancients, Errors, Great Britian. Erin Davis.

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LM 45 - David C. Sprayberry, Arlington, Member Since 1964

Mrs. Havens, Long time member of the Fort Worth CC and TNA Ms Havens was a very helpful volunteer at all of the TNA Conventions held in Fort Worth.

1997 TNA MEDAL
TWO TEXAS LEGENDS
James Bowie & Juan Seguin

Frank Galindo - Designer

"The obverse of the 1997 TNA medal features two great Texas Legends. James Bowie, adventurer and soldier, is a well known Texas patriot. He is remembered for his heroism at the Alamo and for a knife that bears his name. Bowie was joined by Seguin at the battle of Concepcion. Juan Seguin, a legendary figure of Texas history, served Texas in many capacities. He attained the Rank of Lt. Colonel in the Texas army and served in the Texas senate. He fought for Texas independence at Concepcion, siege at Bexar, and San Jacinto. Col. Bowie and Lt. Colonel Seguin served the Texas army and fought gallantly and bravely for Texas independence."

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A Few Words From the Editor

Mike Grant

This last year has been one of amazing happenings in the world of numismatics. We have seen an new $100 bill, the elemination of the web press, new commemoratives, an auction the likes of which will never been seen again, just to name a few.

I attended the Lubbock Show in March and it turned out to be a very large one. The people were very friendly and really put on a very professional show. It was great seeing old friends and making a few new ones. This show always does very well and this time was no exception. The dealer base was not quite as strong because the Waco show was the same weekend and dealers could attend only one show or the other. I heard the Waco show was a big success also.

The next week I attended the Dallas/Mid-Cities Coin Clubs Show. This was a small show in Bedford with 25 dealers, and their first one. This show truned out to be a hit and the dealers wanted to sign up for next year without any prompting. For a first time show it made a profit for both clubs, which is almost unheard of. I can't wait for next year.

As most of you heard we have had some problems with the TNA News getting to everyone because of computer problems. Barbara has worked her fingers to the bone trying to get the list back up todate. The mailing is coming to you the middle of the second month between issues, and we are not sure we got everyone listed. Please call either Barbara or myself and let us know of anyone that has not received their copy. I got a number of letters and phone calls from members around the state letting me know people that needed a copy, keep it up!

I am sorry for this problem, it is not something we could control, as a lot of you know computers and programs sometimes do things you don't want them to. The computer has made our lives easier though??

For those of you that are on the internet my address is MPG4TNA@AOL.COM. I have gotten a number of e-mail letters from members and others interested in the TNA. I must say the internet sure has a lot of information on it and most of it is free. You can find out about any hobby, or interest you may have. I have checked on coins, and how to make beer, and antiques to name a few. I look up cities that I am going to travel to and find points of interest.

If any of you need anything please contact me through the mail, phone me, or on the internet, I will try to help you in any way possible.

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ANA Convention
March 20-22

The ANA held it's midwinter convention in Cleveland, Ohio this year. Some stated it was the best and worst of times.

During the first two days, dealers could not find enough to keep busy. Saturday however, started with a bang and the public came in droves, helping sales of all items. Collector coins were strong again, at this show, also mint state gold coins moved very well.

Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc. held two separate sales bringing in $3.2 million. The highest price brought in was for a 1795 Nine Leaves $10 gold piece. This coin was graded AU-50 by PCG and fetched $52,900, price includes a 15% buyers fee.

Some other top pieces were:

A 1834 Capped Bust quarter eagle graded MS-61 by NGC, went for $36,800.

A 1803/2 $5 gold piece, MS-64, graded by PCGS, $31,625

A 1873 gold $10, graded XF-45, for $25,300.

On the whole the convention and the auction went very well for everyone involved.

$4.6 Million Error $100's

Series 1996 $100 Federal Reserve notes have the water mark and security thread on the wrong sides. The 46,000 misprinted notes have been in circulation since November. The Treasury Dept. officials believed they could catch the misprints before they actually got into circulation.

After 33,000 misprinted notes were returned by the New York Federal Reserve District Bank, Treasury officials made the mistake public.

Crane and Co., the sole supplier of currency paper to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, apparently caused the error by putting a guide notch on the wrong side of some shipments of the paper. The BEP printers followed the guide notch inserting the paper into the press not realizing the paper was being inserted upside down.

At the time of this printing only a few of the error Series 1996 $100 FRN's have been confirmed. It appears there are still 13,000 of the error notes still to be found by some lucky collectors.

Platinum American Eagles

The US Mint tested the striking capabilities for the production of platinum Proof American Eagles. The testing was performed at both the West Point Mint and Philadelphia Mint. The platinum American Eagles will be offered to the public for the first time in 1997.

The striking of platinum coins has presented a number of problems, the most critical of which is producing coins with a mirror Proof finish. The Mint has had very little experience coining platinum, which is an extremely hard metal.

The coins will be struck in the same sizes as the gold bullion coins. The one ounce will have a denomination of $100, the 1/2 oz. will have a face value of $50, the 1/4 oz. will be $25, and the 1/10 oz. will be $10 face value. U.S. Mint Director Philip N. Diehl said that the platinum Proof series will have extremely low mintages, and will be .9995 pure.

Eliasberg Collection
Third Auction Realizes $20.8 Million

The top coin in the world (by price) is the Eliasberg 1804 dollar! This rare coin shattered the record by selling for $1.8 million, the highest price ever paid for a single U.S. coin. The coin was sold in the final session of the last portion of the three day auction.

The exact amount for the three days was $20,892,783, including the 10% buyers fee. The auction was conducted in four sessions by Auctions by Bowers and Merena Inc., in cooperation with Stack's, and offered 20 cent pieces through silver dollars, and commemorative coins, tokens, medals, and paper money.

This magnificent collection has been auctioned during three seperate sales starting in 1982. The last sale was held in May 1996, and also had a coin that sold for more than a million dollars, the 1913 Liberty Head 5-cent coin.

The first auction in October of 1989 consisted mostly Eliasberg's U.S. gold collection brought in $11.4 million. The second auction was conducted in May 1996 and comprised half cents through dimes, early American coins, patterns, and pioneer gold coins. This sale with the 10% buyers fee realized $11.598 million. A Proof 66 liberty head nickel went for $1.485 million and became the first U.S. coin to break the $1 million barrier.

The Louis E. Eliasberg collection of U.S. coins was the most complete collection of its kind ever assembled. The entire collection realized a staggering total of $43.89 million, this is a world record price for a single U.S. coin collection.

A Hard Lesson

By Bob Bills

I have been a collector of Coins, beginning in 1930, with the encouragement of my grandfather. He gave me my first lesson about coins that really remained in my memory, "Never Damage a Coin".

It all began on Christmas day 1930. I lived in the country and one of my cousins came to visit. He had a new Daisey B B gun he received as a Christmas gift, along with some B.B.'s. We started learning to shoot the gun, and of course needed targets. Bottles would break and would prove a "Shot".

My mother saw us and promptly made us clean up the broken glass, which we did. We shot birds, rabbits, squirrels and shot what ever would provide a target until we ran out of B.B's. Then my cousin said we should place a target in a sand pile so we could recover the B.B.'s. He had some pennies, so we used them as targets, and as it was his gun he shot first. When we recovered the B.B.'s, it was my time, so I aimed carefully and hit the penny, knocking it over in the sand.

Someone picked me up and truned me over his knees and spanked my botton, it seemed forever. My grandfather then raised me upright and I was crying from pain and embarrassment. He did not spank L.G., my cousin. I could not understand why, so he explained, "He is not a coin collector, he does not know any better, but you are and you should never damage a coin". Well, I learned my lesson the hard way, and I also feel like spanking some collectors, as they explain how they "Clean" a coin. My grandfather would spank them if he were here! So be careful, he may return and catch you doing your cleaning and dipping and hairlining coins.
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J.C. AYER
#1NAME IN ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS
by Benny Bolin

One of the side effects of the Civil War was the hoarding of coins and their subsequent removal from circulation which created many problems making small change. When people demanded a solution, one that was tried was the monetization of postage stamps to use as legal tender. This proved to be a disaster due to the fragility of the stamps and their gum making a "sticky mess". An inventor, John Gault, patented a metallic case with a mica window to encase the stamps in. The case protected the stamps while the mica window allowed them to be viewed. These "Encased Postage Stamps," were well accepted and many people advocated the government to adopt them as a circulating medium. For reasons unknown, IRS commissioner Boutwell decided not to use them, so Mr. Gault, in November 1862, began advertising them for sale to private merchants with the merchants logo stamped on the backs of the cases.

Gault's biggest customer was Dr. James Cook Ayer. He had a very successful pharmaceutical business in Lowell, Massachusetts, 26 miles Northwest of Boston. Since the pharmaceutical industry was very competitive, Ayer was more interested in advertising than in making small change. Encased postage stamps would do this very well, especially since they would see a lot of circulation as small change and would therefore saturate the populous with his company's name. Ayer used many types of advertising, including advertising cards and newspapers, having placed ads in over 1900 newspapers each year. Ayer ordered over 200,000 of the encased postage stamps from Gault. Ayer pieces are the most common and available in the market today. Most were smaller denominations (less than 10 cents) as this would allow him to get more for his advertising dollar. Gault charged face value for the stamps plus two cents for each case, so each dollar Ayer spent would buy thirty-three of the one-cent pieces, or twenty of the three-cent, but only eight of the ten-cent pieces. Of the 2148 Ayer's pieces auctioned between 1891-1994, 2016 of them were of denominatns less than 10 cents. Some people estimate that Ayer pieces totaled 25-30% of Gault's total output and that they represent more than 50% of the population extant today.

Ayer was known as the "King of Patent Medicines" due to the large number he developed Actually, none of his medicines were actually patented since this would have required him to divulge their contents. His earliest success was his "Cherry Pectoral", a remedy for coughs, colds, asthma and consumption. It was used by people with pulmonary problems as an expectorant Other successes included "Ayers Ague Cure", which was said to insure a speedy and certain cure for fever, ague and all malarial disorders; "Ayers Hair Vigor" which was used to

restore gray hair to it's natural color but was not dye. Two of his medicines were advertised on encased postage stamps. "Ayers Sarsparilla" which was for purifying the blood and invigorating the system--advertised as a cure-all for nearly everything. These were made in denominations of one, three, five, ten twelve, twenty-four, and thirty cents. His other product advertised on Encased Postage stamps was "Ayers Cathartic Pills" which were a laxative. These were in two designs, "Ayers Cathartic Pills" which were made in denominations of one, three, five, ten, twelve, and twenty-four cents. They had somewhat of a pun on their backs, touting them to be the "currency to pass". The other design was "Take Ayers Pills" which were made in denominations of one, three five, ten and twelve cents.

Ayer was born on May 5, 1818 in Ledyard, Connecticut, the eldest son who survived infancy of Frederick Ayer and Persis Cook. Unable to pay for college or to gain admittance to a military academy, he apprenticed to an apothecary, Jacob Robbins in 1838. He became extremely successful in this business, to he point of gaining the confidence of many local physicians who taught him even more. He began his study of medicine with Dr. Samuel Dana and on July 23, 1860, was awarded an MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania. However he never practiced medicine, instead, he elected to continue on as a practical and analytical chemist. Ayer was very successful in his business endeavors. When he died on July 3, 1878, he was reportedly worth many millions of dollars. Even more important to our hobby is his legacy that lives on today in the form of his encased stamps.

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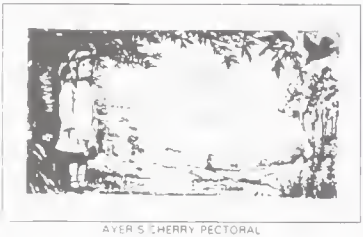

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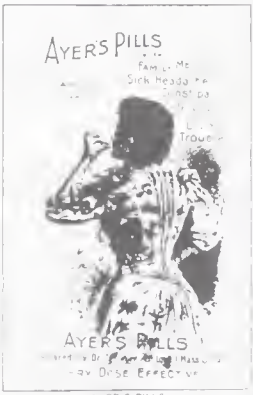

AYER'S PILLS

Statement of Income and Expenses

Kirk Menczer - Treasurer

March 1, 1997 - March 31,1997

REVENUE:		
Membership Dues	511.00	21.3
Interest Income	26.33	1.1
Medal Sales	440.00	18.3
Newsletter Advertising	1,421.00	59.2
Total Revenue	2,398.33	100.0
EXPENSES:		
Office of the President	100.00	4.2
Office of the Secretary	350.00	14.6
Office of the Sec. - Postage	200.10	8.3
Office of the Sec. - Other	59.23	2.5
Office of the Treasurer	61.63	2.6
Office of Medal Officer	7.99	.3
Office of Editor - Printing	981.30	40.9
Total Expenses	1,760.25	73.4
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Net Income (Loss)	638.08	26.6%

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Kirk M. Menczer - Treasurer

March 31, 1997

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ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1,268.25	
TNA Memorial Library Fund	707.58	
CD Life Member. Clear Lake	11,218.33	
CD	10,775.75	
Total Current Assets		$ 36,934.38
TOTAL ASSETS:		$ 36,934.38
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Equity:		
Unrestricted Fund Balance	$ 36,312.26	
Net Income (Loss)	4.12	
Total Equity		$ 36,316.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:		$ 36,316.38

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REVENUE:		
Membership Dues	$ 6,236.75	34.5
TNA Show 1995	3,758.00	20.8
Medal Sales	4,157.75	23.0
TNA Auction	500.00	2.8
Book Auction	645.00	3.6
Donations-General Use	81.00	0.4
Donations-Coins for A's	310.00	1.7
Newsletter Advertising	1,967.00	10.9
TNA Breakfast	76.00	0.4
Interest Income	338.32	1.9
Total Revenue	18,069.82	100.0
EXPENSES:		
Office of the President	597.00	3.3
Office of the Secretary Stipend	2,100.00	11.6
Office of the Sec - Postage	519.06	2.9
Office of the Sec - Other	324.61	1.8
Office of the Treasurer	133.34	0.7
Office of Medal Officer	7.99	.3
Bank Charges	37.00	0.2
Office of Medals Officer	310.41	1.7
Cost of Medals	2,058.89	11.4
Office of Editor Stipend	2,000.00	11.1
Office of Editor - Printing	6,099.55	33.8
Office of Editor - Other	1,601.40	8.9
Awards	618.00	3.4
Bank Charges	50	0.0
Elongated Cents	200.0	1.1
Insurance	1,081.00	6.0
Taxes-Ad Valorem	185.02	1.0
Young Numismatists	120.00	0.7
Total Expenses	17,985.78	99.5
General & Administrative		
1997 TNA Expenses	718.00	4.0
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(633.96)	(3.5)
Net Income (Loss)	(633.96)	(3.5)%

Balance Sheet

Kirk M. Menczer - Treasurer

Year Ending February 28, 1997

ASSETS:		
Current Assets		
Hill Country Bank	$ 11,728.08	
"Coins for A's" Fund	598.31	
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1,268.25	
TNA Memorial Library Fund	707.58	
CD Life Member. Clear Lake	11,218.33	
CD	10,775.75	
Total Current Assets		$ 36,296.30
TOTAL ASSETS:		$ 36,296.30

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Equity:		
Unrestricted Fund Balance	$ 36,312.26	
Net Income (Loss)	(633.96)	
Total Equity		$ 35,678 30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:		$ 35,678.30

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1997

June 13, 14, 15 **Houston, TX** **105 Tables**
39th Annual "TEXAS 97" SHOW
The Texas Numismatic Association Show and Convention
J.W. Marriott Hotel (Galleria), 5150 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX
Contact: Byron S. Paris - Show Chairman, (713) 261-3412 or (713) 558-1540

June 21-22 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Coin Show Sponsored by the Capital City Coin Club
Quality Inn - South, 2200 IN-35 at Oltorf
Contact: (512) 444-0561, P.O. Box 33159, Austin, TX 78764

June 27-29 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W. Airport Freeway
Contact: P.O. Box 532904, Grand Prairie, TX 75053-2905
Phone: (972) 262-4491

July 12 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Central Texas Coin, Stamp, and Sports Card Show
Quality Inn - South, 2200 S. IN-35 at Oltorf
Contact: Francis Smith (512) 448-6372

July 26-27 **Bossier City, LA.** **100 Tables**
34th Annual ARK-LA-TEX Coin, Stamp, & Card Exposition
Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd., Bosier City
Contact: Richie Self (318) 868-9077 or Hal Odom Jr. (318) 865-5398

August 2-3 **Houston, TX** **40 Tables**
The Bellaire Coin Show, Sponsored by the Bellaire Coin Club
Bellaire Civic Center, 7000 S. Rice, Bellaire, TX
Contact: Louis Whitaker, P.O. Box 303, Bellaire, TX 77401
Phone: (713) 622-8331 or E-Mail: JBevill@IBM.net

August 2-3 **Amarillo, TX** **108 Tables**
Collectors Show, Sponsored by the Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.
Amarillo Civic Center, 3rd & Buchanan, Amarillo, TX
Contact: Nela A. Runk, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106-6033
Phone: (806) 355-1702

August 22-24 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W Airport Freeway
Contact: P.O. Box 532904, Grand Prairie, TX 75053-2905
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August 30 **San Antonio, TX** **29 Tables**
Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1604 NE
Contact: Harold Eiserloh, PO Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714. Phone: (210) 341-6587

October 4 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Central Texas Coin, Stamp, and Sports Card Show
Quality Inn - South, 2200 S. IN-35 at Oltorf
Contact: Francis Smith (512) 448-6372

October 11-12 **Corpus Christi, TX** **20 Tables**
39th Annual Corpus Christi Coin Club Show,
Sunrise Mall, Corner of Airline Rd. and S. Padre Island Dr.
Contact: Dave Burke, P.O. Box 10053 Corpus Christi, TX 78460-0053, Phone (512) 241-0348

November 1-2 **Fort Worth, TX** **35 Tables**
36th Annual Coin Show, Sponsored by the Fort Worth Coin Club
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 W. Freeway
Contact: Bourse Chairman, Ft. Worth C.C., 2218 W. Rosedale St. S. Ft. Worth, TX 76110, Ph: (817) 923-5510

November 14-16 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W. Airport Freeway
Contact: P O Box 532904, Grand Prairie, TX 75053-2905
Phone: (972) 262-4491

December 6 **San Antonio, TX** **29 Tables**
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AMAZING HOARD OF ANCIENT ROMAN DENARI

Due to a fortunate purchase by the Jonathan K. Kern Co. ancient department we can now offer again our very popular Roman empire denari portrait gallery. These ancient Roman silver denari (singular denarius) were struck during the heigh of the Roman Empire from 69 to 235 AD. The Roman Empire stretched from Scotland to Arabia, from Morrocco to Poland, from Germany to Egypt, and the Mediterranean was known as the 'Roman Lake'. It was an empire like the world had never known and has not known since. Dozens of aspiring generals and tyrants like Justinian, Charlemagne, Napoleon, and Hitler tried and failed to recreate the Roman Empire. All roads lead to Rome. When in Rome do as the Romans do. About every third word in the English language had its start in Roman Latin. Liberty or US coins is usually shown wearing or holding a Liberty cap which the Romans used to designate a free person. The Mercury head dime is named after the Roman messenger god. The fasces on the reverse is a symbol of Roman justice. The Roman Empire was the birth culture of the Christian religion. All one has to do is visit modern Rome now and look at the Colosseum built by Vespasian, the triumphal arch of Titus, Trajan's Column, and the Forum of Trajan. These are 2,000 year old ruins which represent only a small fraction of the awe inspiring grandeur of this amazing civilization.

The average weight is about 3.5 grams of good silver. They were hand struck with the reverse die embedded in an "anvil" of log cross section and the obverse die was held and struck with a hand sledge hammer. These silver jewels were struck in massive quantities to fuel the economic needs of a vast thriving empire, and indeed as this hoard demonstrates, the oldest denari in the hoard passed from hand to hand for over 125 years before being buried. They were struck by hand engraved dies by skilled artists known as celators. The portraits of all the different Roman emperors and their family members are like a portrait gallery of miniatures, silver busts or like a precious metal three dimensional photo album. The reverse dies were also carefully engraved usually to depict all the gods, goddesses, heroes, and nymphs of Roman mythology. Other reverse commemmorated military victories, religious or political events or just plain propaganda.

1 NERVA 96-98 A.D. Fine $69

2 TRAJAN 98-117 A.D. VF $75

Amazing Hoard cont

The silver denarius as also the power base by which Roman emperors maintained the loyalty of their legions These paid professional legionaires, though proud to be part of the Roman army were just as happy serving a rival claimant to the Imperial Purple if he happened to have a more generous war chest overflowing with denari All through the reign's **NERVA** and all the other Adoptive emperors the standard pay of the legionaire was 300 denari a year

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3 **HADRIAN**, 117-138 A.D. VF $79

4 **SABINA** died 137 A.D. Fine $69

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THE ADOPTIVE EMPERORS
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The English historian Edward Gibbon termed the second century [illegible] "happiest age in history." Between 96 and 180 A.D. the Roman Empire was ruled by a [illegible] capable emperors. After the assassination in A.D. 96 of Domitian, the last of the Flavian emperors, the Senate chose one of their own members, the elderly **NERVA** to succeed to the throne. To secure the support of the army, the new emperor adopted the general **TRAJAN** as his son and heir in A.D. 97. This adoption [illegible] precedent for the next four emperors—**TRAJAN**, **HADRIAN**, **ANTONINUS PIUS** and **MARCUS AURELIUS**, would come to the throne as the adoptive son of their predecessor. Under these "adoptive emperors" the Roman Empire would reach the zenith of its power and prosperity.

In A.D. 98 **TRAJAN** became emperor upon the death of **NERVA**. Under **TRAJAN** the Roman Empire underwent its last significant territorial expansion. After two campaigns (A.D. 101-102 and 105-106) **TRAJAN** annexed the kingdom of the Dacians (modern Romania). In the Forum of Rome there still stands the awe inspiring column of **TRAJAN** depicting the military campaign against the Dacians in detail as over 2,000 figures spiral upward around the 125 foot height.

AELIUS CAESAR 36-138 A.D. Fine $1.79

ANTONINUS PIUS [illegible]

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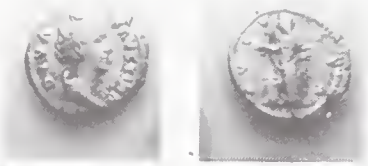
In A.D. 105 the Kingdom of the Nabataeans was converted into the Roman province of Arabia Petraea. In A.D. 114 a dispute with Parthia led **TRAJAN** to annex Armenia and invade Mesopotamia. In A.D. 116 Mesopotamia was declared a Roman province. However rebellions in the East including those of the Jews forced **TRAJAN** to retreat. He died in A.D. 117 before he could resume campaigning in the East. Before his death **TRAJAN** named his adopted son **HADRIAN** as his heir.

The reign of **HADRIAN** was one of consolidation. The new emperor gave up **TRAJAN'S** eastern conquests—Arminia regained its former status as a Roman vassal state. Other Frontiers were strengthened. In Britian the wall he built to defend against the Scottish tribes is still to be seen. **HADRIAN** spent most of his reign outside of Italy touring the provinces to see first-hand what were each territory's needs. **HADRIAN** married a grand neice of **TRAJAN'S** named **SABINA** but they had no children so in A.D. 136 **HADRIAN** adopted a certain **L. CEIONIUS COMMODUS** who took the name **AELIUS CAESAR** as his son and heir. However the death of **AELIUS** in A.D. 138 compelled **HADRIAN** to designate a new heir **ANTONINUS**. In turn **HADRIAN** compelled **ANTONINUS** to adopt **LUCIUS VERUS**, the son of **AELIUS** and a nephew of **ANTONINUS**. **MARCUS ANNIUS VERUS** renamed **MARCUS AURELIUS**. **HADRIAN** died later that same year.



FAUSTINA SENIOR, died 141 A.D. VF $59

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Upon his accession **MARCUS AURELIUS** elevated his adoptive brother **LUCIUS VERUS** to the position of co-emperor. **MARCUS**, however, was clearly the supreme authority. **LUCIUS** married the eldest daughter **LUCILLA** of **MARCUS and FAUSTINA JUNIOR** in 164 A.D. **MARCUS** was to spend much of his reign on campaign ... invasions of German tribes from the north and of Parthians from the east bedevilled the empire. Plague brought back from the east by the army in A.D. 166 swept the empire (a second wave of plague carried **LUCIUS VERUS** away in A.D. 169). Despite these shocks **MARCUS** was able to restore order on the eastern frontier and was poised to annex territories on the northern frontier at the time of his death A.D. 180. **MARCUS** was succeeded by his son **COMMODUS**, thus breaking the pattern of succession through adoption and with the accession Rome's greatest era came to an end.

COMMODUS proved to be a despot who became quite insane. **COMMODUS** thought he was the god Hercules and he is depicted as Hercules on a number of his coins. He would enter the arena himself to fight gladiators and wild beasts. There were several attempts on his life which involved his sister **LUCILLA** whom he put to death. **COMMODUS** ... **CRISPINA** was married ... reign and later executed. **COMMODUS** ... eventually assassinated ... and the Roman Empire ...

FAUSTINA JUNIOR ...

LUCIUS VERUS ...

Amazing Hoard cont

11 LUCILLA died 182 A.D. VF $69

12 COMMODUS. 177-192 A.D.
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13 CRISPINA died 183 A.D. VF [illegible]

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Dues Received $_____Date_____

TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

There were 35 members and guests at the February meeting The program was presented by George Derrick - the video on paper currency The new 1997 officers are: Jim Fitzgerald-President; George Derrick-Vice President; Debbie Williams-Treasurer; Bob Millard-Corresponding Secretary; Chris Pate-Recording Secretary. The Dallas/Mid Cities Coin Show is scheduled for March 28-29 at the Holiday Inn West in Bedford The March meeting will be a post card addressing and stamping meeting. April 20-26 is National Coin Week.

The March meeting had 24 members and one guest present for the labeling and mailing session It was well organized and all 1800 post cards were finished in less than 40 min Jim Fitzgerald donated a gold coin to be given away as a door prize for one lucky person that came to help out, Mike Grant won the gold piece. National Coin Week - April 20-26, the theme is "The Changing Face of Money" in recognition of the facelift our paper notes are going through, a possible 50 state commemorative coin program that Congress is considering, and new forms of money that are being used increasingly in today's commerce.

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington.

--Bob Millard, Corresponding Secretary

Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

This is the first newsletter for the club and starts out with the purpose of the club: Article 1, Section 2 of the club constitution states that the objective of the club shall be "to encourage and dispense numismatic knowledge and to clutivate fraternal relationships among our members." The officers are. Roy McDaniel-President; Ron Kersey-Vice President, Cleo Moss-Secretary; Bob Millard-Treasurer. The club has distributed 100 Red Books to school libraries in Tarrant County. The club also aquired over 700 coin collector starter kits for young numismatists, these have been distributed to a number of Y.N's Club members and two coin dealers contributed coins to be given away to encourage potential young coin collectors. The April Coin Week will be a big success with members giving away numerous coins to circulate around the area. The February program by Tim Lobstein on the "New

guests present. The club has a local phone number on the internet for people to call if they need more information than they see on the net

The March meeting had 29 members and guests present The program was given by coin dealer Everett Hull on "Coin Grading" This subject is probably the most controversial in our hobby Russell Prinzger reported on the March Las Vegas show The Fort Worth CC Show is on Nov 1-2, at the Green Oaks Inn.

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thrusday of each month at 7:00 at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

--Bob Millard, Treasurer; Russel Prinzger, Dist. Governor

DISTRICT III

Key City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the March 6th meeting the doorprize was won by M.S. Walters Bob Kirkley won the 1997 Silver Eagle. The club voted to run an Ad in the Thrifty Nickel for one Month to see if this will draw in more members As a life member in the TNA the club would like to invite all coin collectors in the Vicinity of Abilene to join the club. The new officers for 1997 are Russel Souders-President; Randel Thorton-First Vice President, Francis Thronton-Second Vice President, Robert L Kirkley-Sec/Treas The new mailing address is 2625 South 20th St., Abilene, TX 79605 The club has been a member of the ANA since 1957 The club would like to hold a regional meeting in Abilene each quarter with the Brownwood and San Angelo Clubs.

At the March meeting Paul McCowen won the 1997 Silver Eagle door prize There were 17 members present for this meeting The program was given by Robert Kirkley on "Indian Head Cents" The members discussed holding a show in Oct

The Key City Coin Club meets the first Thursday of each month, at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Bldg . Abilene

--Bob Kirkley, Secretary/Treasurer

San Angelo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The Feb meeting had 14 members present The first order of business was the coin show this year and memberships The club voted to give members 3 months to pay their dues The program for March is by Bob Bills on "Counterfeits" In Feb Tommy Blackwell and Bob Bill's showed some Cameo Proof coins to the club members At the next meeting advertising for the club will be a main topic of discussion, to help let people know about the club.

The March meeting was attended by 14 members The auction sold 90% of the items listed Joe Prince will be in charge of the 1997 Show and Don Smith will help. Louis Reyes displayed a complete set of Mercury dimes in BU condition. For April he will display a Flying Eagle-

Indian Cent collection in BU, except the 1877 in XF-45.
The San Angelo Coin Club meets at 7:00pm, the second Thursday of each month at La Casa Blanca Restaurant.
--Luis F. Reyes

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

President Kammer called the March 6th meeting to order with 11 members and one guest. A review was made of all the dues not paid. The meeting's customary "short snorter" was a British 50 pence military note, which was signed by everyone present. Mr. Liarkos paid the club's 1997 dues. Upcoming shows at Live Oak, Waco, and Orange were discussed. The program was on the recent exhibition by the Gallery Mint at the Greater Houston Coin Show. Mr. Kammer showed a modern counterfeit of a medieval Swiss coin, Mr. Stahlman showed an eighty year old German factory token. Other items included real and counterfeit 1932 D quarters, cast Chinese tree coins still connected, and a book on Illinois tokens.
--Erin Davis, Club Secretary

DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

President Frank Clark called the March 20th meeting to order with 21 members and guests present. The coin show is on March 28-29, Kim Groves with the Mid-Cities and Collin County Coin Clubs is in charge of volunteers for the show and was present to see who would like to help. Hal Cherry and Benny Bolin received awards from the ANA for their presentations to the club. Scott Carlton was written up in the Numismatic News "Who's Who". Scott has written a book titled "International Encyclopedic Dictionary of Numismatics" Scott is now writing a book titled "Blazing Ice" when he performed with the Holiday on Ice Co. Hal Cherry has checked with the Catholic Charities on the B. Max Mehl Bldg. to see what will be done about the front of the building if it should be torn down. Hal sent a donation to the ANA for the club The club voted on the new dues next year of $10 in keeping with other clubs and with the rising cost of things for our club. The program was by Gary Hill on the ANA Grading Course that he received from the ANA. The course is designed to help you understand coin grading

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas at 7:30pm.
--Michael P. Grant, Club Secretary

Collin County Coin Club, (Collin County Coin Club Chronicles).

The Feb meeting was called to order by Gary Rollins The club's order of business was the upcoming spring show. Gary Rollins reported that the only problem the club had, too many dealers wanted to show

The members worked on rearranging the tables so the room could accomadate more dealers. Gary Parent gave a presentation on "Type Collecting".

At the March meeting there were 22 members The members were asked to help set up tables at the show on April 4th for the April 5th show John McCraw presented a 1890 1/2 dime size Fantasy coin and asked members to identify it. Roy Lyall identified it as a German Speilmark.

The club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Steak Kountry in McKinney, at 7:30pm

--Jim Ranes, Club Secretary/Editor

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club. (Club Newsletter).

The Feb. 3rd meeting started with 31 members and two guests Numismatic News noted they liked the new Bellaire logo, and want to do an article about the club Jim Bevill reminded the club about National Coin Week, April 20-26 The monthly coin show put on by Bill Hooven will be be sponsored by the Bellaire, Greater Houston, and Pasadena Clubs for the month of April, to celebrate National Coin Week. Clark Samuelson and Frank Holt donated books to the Bellaire library. Bill Hooven and Ron Miller informed everyone about the Bryan-College Station Coin Show Jim Bevill informed everyone that the club needed a minimum number of orders to get the new t-shirt with the new logo. Dr. Frank Holt of the University of Houston gave the program on the "Travels Of An Ancient Jewish Coin"

At the Feb 17th meeting there were 38 members and guests. Club members discussed the "Money Show 97". People that are in the news from the club are: Jerry Clemons on the "1834 Bust Dime", Mary Alford, the Bellaire Librarian is in the West University newspaper. Tom Tower is in the same newspaper with an article on "Lincoln Cents"; and the Numismatic News is planning an article on the Bellaire CC. The club elections are scheduled for April and the installation dinner is scheduled for May The new shirts with the club logo are $25 ea. and junior shirts are $16. The name of the monthly coin show put on by Bill Hooven will be called the "Bayou City Coin Show" for the month of April. The club members discussed the plans for the "Bellaire Coin Show" in August. Jim Bevill and Tom Tower gave the program on the "Lincoln Penny: Our Humblest Coin"

At the March 3rd meeting 26 members and guests were present Jim Bevill announced club dues needed to be paid He informed everyone how the Greater Houston Show went and that it was a big success Ron Sjoberg stated that the Alamo Show in San Antonio had a date change to March 8th The new Bellaire T-shirts came in The club election will be April 7th, and the installation banquet will be May 19th The program was a bingo game

Thirty-five members and guests attended the March 17th meeting. Numismatic News printed an article about the new Bellaire logo. Coin World printed an article about the things the Bellaire club was doing for National Coin Week. There was an article on the internet in the "Coin Universe" WWW site. The Houston Cronicle had an article about the new dollar coin. The Bayou City Coin Show on April 20th needs volunteers to help with registration. Jim Bevill will get a special comic book from Merrill Lynch on saving money, to give to children that attend the show. Jim suggested the club get copies of the ANA tape the "The Money Show". The club could get 100 copies for just postage. The Installation Banquet will be at the Glaze. John Evans will give a proclamation to the mayor about National Coin Week. Ed Arrich reminded club members about the ANA Summer Conference in Colorado Springs. Bill Chase presented the program on "The Coinage of Ireland".

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Library, at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor

Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed).

In the Feb. 20th issue of the C-Cubed president Bhavin Shah tells what a success the GHCC Money Show was. There is also an article telling everyone to get involved in exhibiting at the 1997 TNA Convention. There is an article about the ANA National Coin Week and what the ANA will do to help members plan activities during this week.

The front of the March 6th issue says "Spring Break" and shows two people in stripes making a break for it. Peter Keller gave a report on the GHCC Show and the things the students did during the show. There is a long list of educational exhibitors from the CCC, that set up at the GHCC Show and the members that volunteered to remove the show cases from the show. There is a most interesting article by Billy J. Hwan on joining the club in the last half of the senior year and discovering that you are able to do things you never thought you were able to. Stephanie Lo and Jennifer Yu write about the exhibits and the show. The C-Cubed is a refreshing look at life from a view point most of us have not had in a long time.

The Clements Coin Club is our young numismatists club from Clements High School in Sugarland, Texas.

--Sini Jacob, Club Secretary

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

Even with inclement weather, tornado and flood watches 14 members still managed to make the Feb. 20th meeting Jesse Vaughan gave a very positive reoprt about the success of the show. There were 104 table reservations and close to 1,300 visitors Some dealers were upset that dealers in the front of the show left early, creating to the public, the appearence that the show was closing early. In the future it

looks like the public will pay a $2.00 entrance fee due to rising room costs. The Gallery Mint added a special touch to the show that everyone appreciated. Jim Beville mentioned that all three Houston clubs get involved in National Coin Week, the club voted to accept this idea.

At the March 20th meeting Ralph Ross presented the awards to the exhibit winners. Francis Townsend made a report on the status of the preparation of the 1998 show. Jim Beville stated that the three Houston clubs will participate in National Coin Week April 20-26. The installation of the GHCC 1998 board will be at the April26th installation dinner.

The club meets the third Thursday each month at the Saint Paul Presbyterian Church in Houston at 7:30pm.

- -**Benard Loebe, Club Secretary**

Pasadena Coin Club, (Club News Letter)

The officer nominations were announced at the Feb. 24th meeting. The officers were elected on March 10th, they are: Bud Holton-President; Bill Chase-Vice President, Bob Bing-Treasurer; and Annette Bing-Secretary. The installation banquet will be held at the April 14th meeting. The club members voted to have the club pay for the dinner at the banquet for paid up members. An admendment was made to the by-laws to allow a family to join the club for $20 a year for the entire family. Jim Beville suggested that the three area clubs sponsor the Coin Show promoted by Bill Hooven on April 20th during National Coin Week. The club voted to join the GHCC, and Bellaire CC to do this.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets every 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

--Annette Bing, Club Secretary

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (The Alamo News)

At the Feb. 13th meeting there were 15 members and visitors present. Harold reported that all but four dealers have signed up for the March 8th show. Pye showed a triple date 1937 D nickel. Other items brought to the meeting were a 1935 New Zealand proof set, with the rare Waitangi Crown, a 1947 nickel with a split planchet; and a 1996 Great Britain unc. set. Wayne reported the U.T. Austin program on Women in Ancient Rome "I Claudia" would be presented on Feb. 22nd at the Museum of Art, with an exhibit of ancient Roman coins.

Sixteen members and guests attended the Feb. 27th meeting. Only one table remains to be sold for the show. Harold requested a show reduction to two shows per year. This proposal was voted in and the shows will be in August and December.

At the March 13th meeting there were 14 members and guests present. Some of the items brought to the meeting were a 1965

Belgian Type Set, a Crescent Hotel, Carriage Token, from Eureka Springs, Ark., one of only two known; a 1974 Mexico 20 centavos with double die obverse; Philippine Culion Island Leper Colony coins - 1913, 1/2 Centavo & 1 Peso, 1930, 10 Centavos and 1 Peso.

There were 17 members and guests present at the March 27th meeting The program was on the ANA slide program "Hammered and Milled Coinage". Items brought to the meeting included a 1903 gold Liberty $5.00; three 1997 cents partially struck with die clashes; a hammered silver Groat of 1422 from England, minted in Calais; Philippine fractional currency; a Sesino issued by the Duke of Venice, 1595-1605; a $5 gambling chip commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Flamingo Casino.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe in San Antonio at 7:00pm.

--Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

The Jan. 2nd meeting opened with 19 members and 2 visitors. Items brought for discussion were, a 1873 World's Columbian Exposition medal; a 1992 Olympic Coin Set; a silver piece of eight replica, a 1798 large cent; a 1997 St. Eligius medal from Essen Steele, Germany.

At the Jan. 16th meeting there were 28 members and visitors. Don Bailey gave the educational program on "Texas Tokens". Items brought to the meeting included; two Heims Fair 1968 World's Fair medals; a Garza general store token from Rio Hondo; a one dollar bill signed by 1996 Olympic softball Gold Medalist Lisa Fernandez; a liberty dime album dated 1892-1916; a 1964 dime with a triple D mint mark; a 1974 dime D over S mint mark; a Wells Fargo Coach medal.

There were 24 members and guests present at the Feb. 6th meeting. Karla Galindo read a letter from Helen Carmody asking for the club to nominate her for re-election to the ANA board, the club voted to do this. Items brought to this meeting for discussion include; a 1878 silver dollar with a chopped R error and a 1940 nickel with double struck error; a 1884 ten cent piece from Cochean China; a 1922 porcelain medallion from Dresden; a $1 bill with one dropped serial number.

The Feb. 20th meeting opened with 27 members and visitors attending. David Neisen announced that he will be producing wooden nickels for the ANA, to represent each member club. Each club must give it's permission to have the club's logo used on the wooden nickels. Items brought in for discussion are; a Kaleidoprint business token issued by the Navada Coin Minting Co., a 1899 US silver certificate; and a 1974 Mexican twenty cent coin double struck. The educational program was given by Michael Lantz, Michael retired from the Denver Mint after 34 years of service. His program covered his work at the mint from his first job as Helper General to Coin Production General

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The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thrusdays of each month, at Shoney's Restaurant, at 7:00pm

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT XIII

Corpus Christi Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The club met on Feb. 18th with 9 members present. The main topics discussed were the possibility of a Fall coin show, the coin show held recently in Houston, and an upcoming auction. The club donated $25.00 to charity in the memory of club member Jimmy Bowman. The club will hold an auction on March 18th. The tentative date for the fall show is Oct. 11-12. The annual Christmas party will be on Dec. 16th at the Golden King Restaurant.

The Corpus Christi Coin Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm in the Sunrise Room of the Sunrise Mall.

--David Burke

Kingsville Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The club members donated money to charity in Jimmy Bowman's name. The members are discussing ideas on improving attendance, coin shows, and interest in the hobby. The newsletter lists some numismatic web sites

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The Kingsville Coin Club meets in the Buford Hickman Bldg. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

--Martha & David Burke

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The Feb. 3rd meeting has a program by O.B. Latimer on "Buffalo Nickels". At the previous meeting Nela Runkel showed her Franklin Mint Christmas Ornaments. Question of the month "Why were no proof sets minted from 1943-1949? Answer-Metal shortage in war and then making WWII medals. The last program was on other hobbies or interests people have. Some of them are, photography using a powerful telescope to take color pictures of the planets, karate, ceramics, bridge, rock & gem cutting, carving santas, wood working, collecting chess sets. The show is August 2-3.

Jim Hall gave the program on "The Brazilian 960 Reis" at the March 3rd meeting with 29 people present. Question of month-How many 1's on the $1 bill? Answer - eight. The show will be Aug. 2-3 at the Civic

Center North Meeting Room. There will be a gun show in the civic center at the same time so more people will be attending. Some items shown at the meeting were a Indian head cent struck off center; a 3 legged buffalo; a 1/20th oz. gold panda coin; a 1993 cent that had been steel coated; a Portugal coin stamped over an older coin from Argentina dated 1808.

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month at the Boatmen's First National Bank in Amarillo at 7:00pm.

--Nela Runkle, Editor

DISTRICT XIII

Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The Feb. newsletter reported that the club was looking for new material for their auctions. There were three new members signed up recently. On Feb. 11th a bill was introduced in Congress to strike more commemorative coins. Ray Whyborn has been urging the young numismatists in the area to submit their report cards to the TNA Coins for A's program. Some of the students have received very good material. There has been some problem with the turn around time for the coins getting back to the students, but hopefully this will be worked out. The annual dues are important, only six members haven't paid.

The March newsletter stated that there were a number of new members and visitors at the last few meetings, the recruiting drive is working. Connolly R. O'Brien, Jr. will give the March program. On March 31st the people that have not paid their dues will have their names dropped from the mailing list. This is the last year the Prestige Sets will be offered by the mint. There is a detailed accounting of the Prestige sets from inception in 1983 to the current 1997 minting. Next is a listing of the five major designs of the half cent. Ray Whyborn reminds all young numistasts about the Coins for A's program that the TNA has going and asks that everyone take advantage of this program. The annual Red River Coin and Stamp Show, at the MPEC Exhibit Hall on November 22-23.

The Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club meets the fourth Thrusday of each month at the Beverly Dr. United Methodist Church at 7:30pm.

-- Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

DISTRICT XIV

Hildalgo Coin Club, (Club Report)

The club elected new officers at the Feb. meeting: Rod Bates-President; Richard Dixon-Vice President; Annette Fortson-Treasurer; Helen Snider-Secretary. Earl Liegler gave a very interesting program on the "Monetary Units of the Confederacy". There was a very lively auction at the end of the meeting.

The main topic of discussion at the March meeting was the one day

show held in February. The report stated that 40 tables were sold and the attendance record showed 400 people came through the door Show Chairman Mike DiGennaro and Publicity Chairman Helen Snider were commended for putting on a great show. Dave Busse gave the program on "Mexico Type Coins - 4 Reales, Carolus and Johanna, both early and late types".

The Hildalgo Coin Club meets at The People's Church in San Juan

--Helen Snider, Club Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Orange Coin Club, (The Double Eagle).

The March issue of the newsletter lists the people that gave programs throughout the year. The front page also has a show calendar and the volunteers that will work the GOCC show March 15-16. There is a Heads to Tails matching quiz to see if you can guess the obverse of some US coins and match them to the reverse (the TNA Editor did Poorly) On page 3 there is an article about the Gold Vault. Then there is a graph on the precious metals market from Nov. 1996 to Mar 1997

In the April newsletter the first article is about the success of the March show. There is an article by Reed Marton on the 1997 Botanic Garden set. I did not take the quiz on currency titled Currency Affairs. Page three has an article titled "The Changing Face Of Money" about the new $100 bill that is now a year old. This article give great detail on the new bill and shows all the main focal points of the new currency (The club is using a very good scanner and computer to show tremendous detail).

The Orange Coin Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Thomem Community Center in Orange at 7:00pm.

--Charles Cagle, Secretary

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars And Cents).

At the March meeting there were 15 members present. Betty Scott gave the program on old Post Cards. The Orange show is March 15-16. Judy Matherne and Ed White will man an information table at the Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Show at the Montainge Center, at Lamar University, March 15th The club voted to support Jerry Williams for First Vice President of the TNA, and Barbara Edwards for TNA District Governor of District 15 There were five door prize winners at the meeting

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets on the 1st Thurs of each month at the County Clinic, on Viterbo Rd , in Port Arthur at 7 00pm

--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

Silsbee Coin Club, (The Liberty Bell)

The March newsletter started with the winners of the doorprizes, there were 4 of them Last month's meeting had 12 members in

attendance. President Jim Cawley suggested that the auction be moved from the end of the meeting to the middle to give more time for the lots to be auctioned. The Fall Coin Show was very profitable for the club. The auction was held at the middle of the meeting and worked out very well. The Golden Auction will be moved to August instead of the later part of the year. There is a very interesting article from Ruben Lopez on the Botanic Gardens set he did not receive.

The Silsbee Coin Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the GSU Center, at 7:00pm.

--**Ruben Lopez, Club Secretary**

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